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PCT/EP 03/03635

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 01 12186 A (BIOGEN INC ; CORNEBISE MARK (US); LEE WEN CHERNG (US); PETTER RUSSE) 22 February 2001 (2001-02-22) page 43, line 9 - line 18 page 70, line 17 - line 24 examples 6697,6715,7515,7517 -----	1,25
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-23 (all partially)

The scope of claims 1-23, in as far as the expression "prodrug" is concerned, is so unclear (Article 6 PCT) that a meaningful International Search is impossible with regard to this expression.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 1-23 (all partially) because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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